



HeritageCon – CONTEST RULES



General:

- By submitting a model entry for competition at any HeritageCon show, contest or event, the entrant agrees to abide by all HeritageCon rules, regulations, and guidelines as well as those of the hosting facility (the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum).
- The HeritageCon show committee assumes no responsibility for the transportation, handling, entry, loss, damage or storage after the show of any model.
- Any modeller who deliberately or intentionally omits, falsifies, or misrepresents any information on the entry forms will be subject to disqualification. This includes, but not limited to, names, materials used, kit used, or kit descriptions.
- HeritageCon contest judging is done in accordance to the IPMS Canada's "Recommended Chapter Contest Rules" with any deviations noted within this document.
- Any entry (model or base) or display that is deemed to pose a potential or real threat of damage or injury to other entries, the public, or the hosting facility, may be removed at the Chief Judge's discretion.

Eligibility:

- HeritageCon is open to anyone who wants to enter their model for competition. Affiliation to an IPMS chapter or any other club is not required to enter this contest.
- All models must be entered under the legally recognized name of the actual modeller.
- Group built (i.e., 2 or more modellers collaborating on a single entry) models are not eligible.
- Entries without the correct validation stamps on their entry form will not be considered in the judging.
- **Entries without completed "Entrant Information" (bottom of the entry form) will not be considered for an award.**
- Models that have won a "Best Of" or a first place in an IPMS Canada, IPMS USA, or local competition prior to and including the previous year's HeritageCon (i.e., March 26, 2023) are not eligible.

Prohibited Entries:

- The Chief Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability of the community and/or the host facility. The following are examples of entries prohibited in competition or on display at any IPMS Canada or IPMS Canada chapter event:
 - There shall be no graphic depiction of any human being or animal excretory functions;
 - There shall be no depiction of sado-masochistic activity, equipment, settings or situations, to any degree, regardless of whether there are figures in the model and regardless of whether any figures present in the model are clothed;
 - There shall be no depictions of explicit sexual conduct, bilateral or autoerotic, regardless of degree and regardless of the clothing-status of the participants, that involves children, and the touching of the breasts or genitals or other erogenous zones of any depicted figure.
 - There shall be no depiction of any nude human male or female figures where the genitalia of the figure are exposed.
 - There shall be no entry depicting the overt sexualization of any subject regardless of gender.
- The Chief Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered to not emphasize scale accuracy or fidelity. The following are examples of entries prohibited in competition or on display at HeritageCon:
 - Flying models (any material or power source)
 - Radio Control (RC) aircraft, armour, auto, or ship
 - Models constructed of materials or by methods that do not present an accurate 3-dimensional representation of the subject (e.g., Lego models of any kind, foam core/board, Balsawood, etc.).

Awards: Each category will be presented with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award (number of entries permitting). Any single entrant is eligible for multiple awards in a category (i.e., "sweeps" are permitted). Special awards will be determined by the judge's consensus. "People's Choice" will be determined by popular vote of the attending public.

Materials: Models may be constructed from any material with the restrictions noted in "Special Categories"

Special Categories: Due to their unique qualities HeritageCon has created unique categories to accommodate modellers who work in die-cast/metal.

Modified Die-cast: Die-cast and/or pre-painted subjects are not eligible unless extensively reworked. Die-cast models must be entered in the appropriate die-cast category. Documentation of rework is required. Models originating from a die-cast kit must be entered in this category and are ineligible to compete in the standard categories.

Size Limitations: No one entrant's (person entering) total entries may exceed ½ standard table in area. This includes collections, large subjects, and displays.



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Bases & Crew Figures: Reasonably sized bases will be allowed in all categories and will not be considered in the judging except in the diorama categories.

- A base may be a piece of undecorated wood, plastic, or glass or it may simulate the natural surface on which the prototype would be found.
- Aircraft and military vehicles may rest on simulated ground or paving, and aircraft that need beaching gear or dollies may be so equipped.
- Ships may be displayed in water only (no dock or dry docks).
- Any model that is displayed upon a base may have 'basic' groundwork; i.e., dirt, grass, roadway, runway, apron, a low stone wall, etc. No part of the base or groundwork may obscure, or hide from view, any portion of the model. No part of that base or groundwork may extend taller than the topmost portion of the body of the model.
- The base must not be the predominant feature of the entry and must be of a size proportionate to the model.
- The model may include primary crew figures (maximum 2). The addition of any other figures or equipment outside or not attached to the model (e.g., support equipment, service platforms, or buildings) will make the model a Diorama, which must then be entered in the proper diorama category.
- The Chief Judge reserves the right to exclude oversize or elaborate bases.

Dioramas: Dioramas are judged not only on the technical merit of their construction (i.e., vehicles, figures, and groundwork will be initially judged based on the standard IPMS criteria), but also on the strength of the theme or story they present. A previous regular contest category winner may be used as part of a diorama as long as it not the primary focus of the diorama. Entries with two (2) or more figures and/or with two (2) or more vehicles or have been determined by the Chief Judge to have an elaborate base, will be placed in the Diorama category.

Gundam: Gunpla of all scales are to be entered into one of the three categories outlined below (except for dioramas). Gunpla may be free standing or mounted on a kit supplied or aftermarket/custom base or stand. The base or stand will not be considered in the judging. Modellers wishing to have the merits of their base included in the judging should enter their Gunpla in the Diorama category.

- **Straight Build:** A Gunpla built straight out of the box. Repainting, weathering, or incorporating added details (e.g., after market resin, 3D printed parts, LED lighting, etc.) is not allowed. The use of decals or stickers supplied with the kit are acceptable.
- **Repaint:** A Gunpla built straight out of the box. Repainting and/or weathering is allowed. The incorporation of added details (e.g., after market resin, 3D printed parts, LED lighting, etc.) is not allowed. The use of kit supplied decals or stickers, aftermarket decals, or painted markings are acceptable.
- **Modified/ Custom:** A Gunpla incorporating any combination of the following: extensive kit modifications, aftermarket details or conversion sets, 3D printed accessories or parts, LED lighting effects, etc. Repainting and weathering is allowed, but not required. The use of kit supplied decals or stickers, aftermarket decals, or painted markings are acceptable.

Catch-22: Anything entry that does not fit other category, including Dinosaurs and Animals.

Conversions: A significant change in mark or variant of a subject by scratch building or kit bashing techniques. Commercially available conversions are not eligible for this category. Entry must include a detailed description of changes made.

Cold War vs. Modern Armour: Cold War armour is any fully tracked AFV (Armoured Fighting Vehicle) or SPG (Self Propelled Gun) operated between the end of WWII and the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. This includes armoured vehicles developed in WWII (or earlier) and used in a Cold War conflict or setting (e.g., M4A3 76W HVSS Sherman used in Korea). Modern armour is any fully tracked AFV or SPG operated from 1991 to present. Differentiation between Cold War and Modern armour is based on markings and time period/setting being depicted by the modeller (e.g., a Canadian Leopard C2 depicted in Afghanistan is considered a Modern Armour subject).

Collections: Collections must consist of 5 or more clearly related items (note size limitations).

Ordnance: Ordnance includes towed artillery (with or without a prime mover), portees, rocket launchers, a tank transporter/trailer (with or without a load vehicle), etc. Any combination of two or three vehicles must be attached to each other by a means designed specifically for such purpose. If not attached, entry will be moved to the appropriate Diorama category.

Scratch Built: Scratch built entries may be made of any materials but contain less than 25% commercially available parts. Models created from largely 3D printed components will be entered in the appropriate Scratch Built category (excludes commercially printed 3D models).

Wargaming Figures: Consist of any commercial table-top gaming figures (e.g., Warhammer 40K, Bolt action, etc.). Figures can be entered either as a single miniature or as a cohesive squad of up to 10 miniatures. Entries consisting of multiple squads or armies are to be entered as a Collection. Entries with elaborate bases, depicting combat between two or more foes, or otherwise conveying a story are to be entered as a Diorama.

What If: Includes aircraft, military vehicles, cars, ships, etc. that were conceptual in nature (e.g., Luftwaffe '46, paper panzers, etc.), for models in markings that the actual vehicle never wore (e.g., RCAF F-14 Tomcat), and for vehicles that never existed anywhere but in the imagination of the modeller.



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Models Under Glass: The modeller may display his/her entry under a protective glass or covering prior to and after judging. Models will not be judged unless the glass or cover has been removed. It is up to the entrant to monitor the schedule and announcements and to remove the covering prior to judging. Judges will not remove coverings. “Shadow Box” dioramas are exempt from this rule.

Splits: Judges may, at their discretion, combine or split a category as required prior to judging. Splits or combining must be approved by the Chief Judge.

Decisions: Prior to judging, the Chief Judge or delegate may move an entry to an alternate category, as the Chief Judge deems fit.

Category Selection: With respect to the above stated rules and conditions, the modeller is free to enter into the most appropriate category. In the case where an entry could be entered in more than one category, the modeller may exercise their preference. For example, a 1/72 Fairey Swordfish Torpedo Bomber could be entered in Category No. 2410 Military Single Engine Prop - Allied / Neutral - WW-II & Earlier or Category No. 2422 Multi-Winged and Rigged. The Chief Judge has the right to make the final decision on any model’s category placement.